

Memorandum

To: Chairman and Commissioners

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ACTION

Ref: Conservation Lands Program Amendment to add \$300,000 to Caspar Headlands Project

TEA PROGRAM AMENDMENT – CONSERVATION LANDS

Resolution # G-01-__

Amending Resolutions # G-00-07 & G-00-24

SUMMARY

This amendment would add \$300,000 to the \$1,500,000 programmed for the Caspar Headlands scenic acquisition project in the Conservation Lands share of the Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) program. The Commission originally programmed the Caspar Headlands project, to acquire 73 acres of scenic coastal frontage land west of Route 1 near the community of Caspar in Mendocino County, for \$1,500,000 of federal TEA funds matched by \$1,500,000 of state funds from the Coastal Conservancy, as part of the third round of the Conservation Lands share of the TEA program, adopted in Resolution #G-00-07 in May 2000. The Commission subsequently amended the program in Resolution #G-00-24 in September 2000, making no change to the Caspar Headlands project but shifting other TEA funds from the Centrage project in Sacramento County (which failed due to inadequate match funding) to the Harley, Violich, and Goldworthy projects in Butte and Glenn Counties, with a \$385,000 remainder left unprogrammed.

The Caspar Headlands landowner recently put on the market an additional property, 0.75 acres zoned residential and directly adjacent to but not included in the Caspar Headlands acquisition. The property sits in line of view from Route 1 and the town of Caspar across Caspar Headlands to the coast, and would represent a significant addition to the original acquisition. The property owner has offered to sell the property, appraised at \$340,000, to Mendocino Land Trust for \$300,000. Sale of the original, larger property has not yet closed; the Coastal Conservancy and Mendocino Land Trust want to close the deal for both properties together, and are asking for an additional \$300,000 of TEA funds (the project contains plenty of match funding) to augment the Caspar Headlands acquisition. The Resources Agency and Caltrans support this amendment.

RECOMMENDATION

Caltrans and Commission staff recommend adoption of this **Resolution #G-01-__**, amending Resolutions #G-00-07 and G-00-24, to amend the third round of the Conservation Lands share of the TEA program to use \$300,000 of the unprogrammed remainder to augment the Caspar Headlands project, as follows:

APPLICANT & PROJECT

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PROGRAMMED AMOUNT

State Coastal Conservancy & Mendocino Land Trust

01/02

\$1,500,000

Caspar Headlands scenic acquisition: ~~73~~ **73.75** acres

\$1,800,000

between Route 1 and the coast at the town of Caspar

in Mendocino County